



Police and Fire Committee Agenda

April 28, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Police and Fire Committee

Ben Hunt, Chair
Rich Bardach
Bob Rosen

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Rich Wallace, Police Fire Chief

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: February 2, 2022

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Police Memorial Week Resolution
2. Police-Fire Department Update

ADJOURNMENT

Amberley Village Council
Police-Fire Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2022

In attendance: Ben Hunt (chair), Bob Rosen (committee), Tom Muething, Scot Lahrmer, Chief Owens (Reading), Chief Wallace, Sgt. Schmidtgoessling

Prior Minutes:

The minutes from November 15 were approved with changes submitted by Chief Owens that the start date of the Golf Manor contract with Deer Park-Silverton was on March 1. Additionally, he clarified that no direct meeting had occurred between himself and Golf Manor/Little Miami.

EMS Update:

Reading Fire Chief Owen presented year-to-date data about Reading EMS services in Amberley Village. The arrangement continues to be positive for both Reading and Amberley. Reading EMS made a total of 287 runs in 2021, up from 256 in the prior year and response times are around 8 minutes. Reading EMS is complimentary of Amberley police presence to assist on all runs. Chief Wallace also complimented how much care the Reading EMS personnel have taken to make sure that residents receiving services are treated well.

The two departments are collaborating by having Reading EMS personnel stay at the Amberley station to assure the best response times possible given the upcoming inclement weather. Additionally, both departments are continuing to look ahead and how our communities can continue our partnership to make the best use of resources for each.

Cruiser Purchase:

Chief Wallace presented the plan for the purchase of at least one new cruiser in 2022. He explained that while two new cruisers were budgeted, he is only recommending the purchase of one at this time in order to be a good steward of public dollars. This cruiser will cost \$33,695.40 as quoted and will have an additional \$10,955.55 in safety equipment installed with delivery expected in May or June. Mr. Rosen recommended that the committee approve the purchase of the new cruiser as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

Police-Fire Update:

Sgt. Schmidtgoessling and Chief Wallace presented on the new training program being implemented in the Police-Fire departments in partnership with Beacon Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. The goal of this new program is to help improve physical fitness for all Amberley employees, make professional trainers available, and update the previous physical fitness testing that was used by the Police-Fire departments. This collaboration will allow each employee to work on an individualized Fitness Assessment Program and to receive help to improve physically. This type of partnership is not common in the area; however, it is considered best practice for Police and Fire departments. The agreement will come at the cost of \$18,000. Mr. Hunt noted that this is a very similar program to what most high school athletic departments now have, and that it seems quite logical that Amberley Village employees should have similar services. Mr. Muething noted that good physical fitness of the employees will help them

not only with the physical parts of their jobs, but with their mental health as well. Additionally, physical therapy services will be available to help prevent and treat any injuries to reduce time-out due to any injuries. Mr. Rosen noted that this proactive approach to physical fitness should be commended.

Mr. Rosen recommended that the committee approve the recommendation to partner with Beacon Orthopedics and Sports Medicine as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

Sgt. Schmidtgoessling also outlined the training plan for Police-Fire personnel in the first two months of 2022. These trainings help to keep Amberley Village Police-Fire employees up to date with best practices in law enforcement and firefighting. Chief Wallace complimented Sgt. Schmidtgoessling for his work as Training Sergeant.

Chief Wallace showed all in attendance the upgraded wrestling/training room for Police-Fire personnel that was made possible from donations of new mats and some small renovations by the Maintenance Department. He also showed the new equipment in the Fitness Room that is available for employees to use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Ben Hunt, Chair

TO: Village Council
FROM: Scot F. Lahrmer, Village Manager
DATE: May 7, 2022
RE: Proclaiming May 11-17, 2022 as National Law Enforcement Week

ITEM: Resolution 2022-??, Resolution Proclaiming the Week of May 11-17, 2022 as National Law Enforcement Memorial Week and May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day

ACTION REQUESTED: By motion, adopt **Resolution 2022-??** authorizing the recognition of National Law Enforcement Week in Amberley Village.

PURPOSE: To generate public attention and show appreciation to employees of the Amberley Police Department.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Locally, a ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 10 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Fountain Square. Following the ceremony, there is a parade to the Police Memorial across the street from Cincinnati Police District 1 on Ezzard Charles at noon honoring all those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

According to Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMG), in 2021, 609 officers died in the line of duty of which 432 were Covid related. 62 died as a result of gunfire and 27 died from an assault.

The Amberley Village Police Department serves a vital function in the community. Services include emergency response, traffic enforcement, criminal enforcement, vehicle lockouts, offense investigation, community service programs and presentations to school and community organizations.

Numerous programs have been instituted which reflect a philosophy of placing the community needs first. These include:

- Community-Oriented Policing Philosophy
- Identity Theft Prevention
- Community Block Watch
- Crime Prevention Surveys

During Police Week, all Amberley Village Police Officers will wear a black band across their badges in memory of all the law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. This symbolic gesture deeply affects all police officers because they know that every year, an average of 145 American police officers are killed in the line of duty in the United States, and an average of over 58,000 officers are assaulted in the performance of their duties. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made

the ultimate sacrifice. It is a quiet way to salute those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the public they serve.

This is of particular importance to Amberley Village, as Chief Wallace provides active leadership in the regional support organization, The Shield, which offers services and support to families of fallen officers. This cannot be done without the support of the entire Amberley Village Police-Fire Department, which makes this national observance even more of a very personal and poignant recognition week.

Residents are encouraged to show their support for law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving, both sworn and civilian staff by participating in this year's Light Ohio Blue by:

- Placing a blue bulb on an exterior porch light;
- Wrapping blue Christmas lights around homes or businesses;
- Light up entire homes or businesses with blue flood lights;
- Place blue ribbons on mailboxes, nearby columns or posts;
- Wear Blue on May 15; and
- Tell friends, family and neighbors and post pictures to social media using #LightOhioBlue

The Police Fire Committee met and recommended adoption of Resolution 2022-??. If you have any questions, please let me know.

PASSED:
BY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-??

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 11-17, 2022
AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WEEK AND MAY 15, 2022
AS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Amberley Village Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the residents of the Amberley Village; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property and protecting them against violence and disorder,

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Amberley Village Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the Village of Amberley, Ohio hereby designates and proclaims the week of May 11-17, 2022 as "National Law Enforcement Memorial Week" and May 15, 2022 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day."

SECTION 2: That we call upon all citizens of the Village of Amberley and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 – May 17, 2022, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

SECTION 3: We further call upon all citizens of the Village of Amberley to observe Sunday, May 15, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: _____ Second: _____

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ____ day of _____ 2022, the foregoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designated by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council